OPINION 631

AEDIPODA PELLARINI LE GUILLOU, 1841 (INSECTA, ORTHOPTERA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

(a) the generic name *Oedipus* Berthold, 1827;

(b) the specific name *pellarini* Le Guillou, 1841, as published in the binomen *Aedipoda pellarini*.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Oedipus* Berthold, 1827, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1)(a) above (Name No. 1549);

(b) *Oedipus* Tschudi, 1838, a junior homonym of *Oedipus* Berthold, 1827 (Name No. 1550);

(c) *Oedipus* Lesson, 1840, a junior homonym of *Oedipus* Berthold, 1827 (Name No. 1551);

(d) *Oedipus* Menge, 1876, a junior homonym of *Oedipus* Berthold, 1827 (Name No. 1552);

(e) *Aedipoda* Le Guillou, 1841, an incorrect spelling for *Oedipoda* Latreille, 1829 (Name No. 1553).

(3) The specific name *pellarini* Le Guillou, 1841, as published in the binomen *Aedipoda pellarini*, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 698.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1436)

The application was received from Dr. K. H. L. Key on 21 July 1959. It was sent, together with a supplementary note by Mr. R. V. Melville (then Assistant Secretary to the International Commission), to the printer on 29 October 1959 and was published on 16 September 1960 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **17** : 344–345. Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 51–56) and to seven entomological serials. The proposals were supported by Dr. D. R. Ragge (British Museum (Natural History), London) and Dr. V. M. Dirsch (Anti-Locust Research Centre, London) and opposed by Dr. E. Raymond Hall (Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, U.S.A.).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 3 July 1961 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule, on Voting Paper (61)20 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **17** : 344 and supplemented on page 345. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 3 October 1961 the state of the voting was as follows :

Affirmative Votes—twenty (20), received in the following order : Boschma, Holthuis, Lemche, Munroe, Mayr, Vokes, Obruchev, do Amaral, Key, Hering, Prantl, Hemming, Riley, Uchida, Jaczewski, Tortonese, Brinck, Kühnelt, Bonnet, Alvarado.

Negative Votes—three (3) : Mertens, Bradley, Poll.

On Leave of Absence—three (3) : Evans, Miller, Stoll.

The following comments were made by Commissioners when returning their votes :

R. Mertens (25.ix.61)—" Den auf Seite 344 und Seite 345 des Bulletin angeführten Vorschlägen stimme ich nur teilweise zu ; ich stimme gegen die in Punkt (1) und Punkt (2) auf Seite 344 vorgeschlagene Unterdrückung des Art-Namens *pellarini*. Die Zahl hoffnungsloser nomina dubia in der Zoologie is zweifellos sehr gross ; es kann aber nicht Aufgabe der I.C.Z.N. sein, jeden derartigen Namen zu unterdrücken, nur weil er nicht interpretierbar ist. Der Name *pellarini* hat bisher die Stabilität der Nomenklatur nicht beeinträchtigt, und die I.C.Z.N. hat somit keinen Anlass, über ihn zu befinden."

J. Chester Bradley (3.x.61)—" I agree with Dr. Hall. It has not been made clear that the case is of major importance or that confusion would arise if no action is taken. Any taxonomist may list *pellarini* as a nomen dubium without the Commission officially listing it as such."

M. Poll (4.x.61)—" Je ne vois pas la nécessité de faire appel à la C.Z.N. Ce cas tranché affirmativement créeait un dangereux précédent. La C.Z.N. ne doit pas à mon avis supprimer trop rapidement les noms specifiques d'espèces mal décrites et dont les types sont perdus provisoirement. La C.Z.N. risque si elle s'engage dans cette voie d'être assaillie d'innombrables demandes."

Original Reference

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion :

Aedipoda Le Guillou, 1841, *Rev. Zool.* **4** : 295
Oedipus Berthold, 1827, *in* Latreille, *Nat. Fam. Thierr.* : 441
Oedipus Lesson, 1840, *Spec. Mamm.* : 197
Oedipus Menge, 1876, *Schr. Ges. Danzig* N.F. 4(1) : 482
Oedipus Tschudi, 1838, *Mém. Soc. Sci. Neuchâtel* **2** : 28, 93
pellarini, *Aedipoda*, La Guillou, 1841, *Rev. Zool.* **4** : 295

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (61)20 were cast as set out above, that the proposals set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted